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CITY CONTINUES CRACKDOWN AGAINST NEGLIGENT PROPERTY OWNERS

INDIANAPOLIS – The Office of City Prosecutor today filed a public nuisance suit against David J. Williams, who has owned or managed at least 69 properties in Marion County.

“These public nuisance charges are being filed as part of a greater effort by the City of Indianapolis to crack down on negligent property owners,” said Mayor Greg Ballard. “Property maintenance issues often mean the difference between a blighted neighborhood and a vibrant neighborhood. We will continue to hold property owners responsible to their tenants and to their neighborhood.”

The suit alleges that properties owned or maintained by Williams have been the subject of over 400 violations of the Health and Hospital Code’s minimum standards for residential property and housing, have generated over 30 police reports for criminal activity at the properties and have numerous unresolved civil zoning violations. Additionally, 14 properties owned, managed or maintained by Williams have been demolished by the City due to neglect, disregard and inattention.

“Repeated citations and enforcement actions against Williams have failed to produce any improvement in his long-established pattern and practice of failing to maintain his properties,” said City Prosecutor Helen Marchal. “Mr. Williams’ actions continue to threaten the health, safety, welfare and property of his tenants and of the neighboring residents.”

Williams’ neglect will cost taxpayers an estimated \$300,000. The City is seeking a permanent injunction against further violations, damages for costs incurred and punitive damages.

The Department of Code Enforcement (DCE)’s Nuisance Abatement section works closely with the Office of City Prosecutor to protect the quality of life for neighborhoods by taking action against problem property owners.

The mission of the Office of City Prosecutor is to fairly adjudicate violations of the Revised Code of Indianapolis-Marion County in an effort to preserve and protect neighborhoods.

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